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Summary

1. (SBU) The CDA chaired a meeting of the full Emergency Action Committee (EAC) May 29 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local holiday weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

2. (SBU) On May 29, the CDA chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local holiday weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman. Members cited a quiet weekend with no security incidents.

Emergency Preparedness

3. (SBU) The CDA led a discussion of lessons learned from the unannounced Embassy-wide "Duck and Cover" drill held on May 29. A/RSO commented on the drill's overall effectiveness and solid participation. Embassy Muscat will maintain its increased drilling tempo in all areas of emergency preparedness.

Sustained Vigilance

4. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, A/RSO reiterated that, despite the relative calm, members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile and remaining unpredictable. A/RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

EAC Conclusion

5. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on May 25 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. CDA, P/E, MGT, A/RSO, RMAS, PAO, MSG, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.
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